

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are presently pending and stand rejected. Claims 19-21 are cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 1-6, 9, and 11-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bhatia in view of Kono. Claims 7, 8, and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bhatia in view of Kono and further in view of Vainsencher.

Assignee respectfully traverses the rejection and notes that U.S. Pat. Pub. 2004/0258160 (Bhatia) and the present application are assigned to the Broadcom Corporation. See PAIR-Assignment, 2004/0258160 and PAIR, present application. "Subject matter developed by another person, which qualifies as prior art only under one or more of subsections (e), (f), and (g) of section 102 of this title [35 USC 102], shall not preclude patentability under this section where the subject matter and the claimed invention were, at the time the claimed invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person." 35 U.S.C. § 103(c)(1).

Accordingly, Examiner is requested to withdraw the rejection to claims 1-18.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, Assignee respectfully submits all of the pending claims are in a condition for allowance, thereby placing the application in a condition for allowance. It is believed that there is no fee associated with any of the actions requested herein. To the extent that there is any fee

associated with any actions requested herein, the Commissioner is requested to charge such fee to deposit account 13-0017.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



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